

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 1-4 and 14-17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter.

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) A recording apparatus comprising:

a frame constituting an apparatus housing having an opening for delivering a recording medium after completion of recording;

a cover formed to the frame as pivotally movable and capable of closing the opening in making a part of the apparatus housing;

a delivery tray for stacking and holding the recording medium delivered from the opening;

a tray container formed at a bottom of the frame for retractably containing the delivery tray; and

a rail member formed adjacently to the tray container for guiding retractably the delivery tray to the tray container and holding the opened cover at a prescribed position,

wherein the delivery tray pulled out of the tray container is held at a rear surface of the cover held at the prescribed position.

6. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the cover is held at a prescribed position as in the open state in association with the cover contact surface's contacting to a lower surface of the rail member.

7. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the frame has an elastic spring portion holding the cover when the cover is closed.

8. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the delivery tray is divided into three parts, and an end of at least one of the delivery tray parts is formed in an arc shape.

9. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the cover has a protrusion formed as to render the delivery tray floating on a contact surface side to the delivery tray.

10. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the cover has a rib formed parallel to the delivery direction of the recording medium on a contact surface side to the delivery tray.

11. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the cover has a level adjustment rib formed on a contact surface side to the delivery tray for adjusting the level of the delivery tray.

12. (Original) The recording apparatus according to any of claim 1 to 12, and further comprising a recording means for recording upon discharging ink in response to a signal.

13. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 12, where the recording means energizes an electro-thermal converter in response to the signal and discharges ink with thermal energy generated by the electro-thermal converter.

14-17. (Cancelled)